

## Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending October 15, 1995. The main farming activities for the week included: harvesting row crops, peanuts, sweetpotatoes and field preparation for next year's crops. Subsoiling and stalk shredding is taking place behind most cotton pickers. In the north part of the state producers need rain to plant wheat and to boost winter pastures. The dry conditions have permitted producers to move rapidly with harvesting activities. Soil moisture conditions were rated 18 percent very short, 39 percent short, 41 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1994	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Harvested	100	98	94	89	---	---	---	---	---
Cotton	Open Bolls	100	100	100	98	15	20	45	16	4
	Harvested	77	63	48	54					
Rice	Harvested	100	97	93	83	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum	Harvested	100	98	98	93	---	---	---	---	---
Soybeans	Turning Color	98	94	100	94	6	18	35	37	4
	Shedding Leaves	89	83	86	73					
	Harvested	61	46	46	31					
Wheat	Planted	29	16	22	23	---	---	---	---	---
	Emerged	10	4	12	11					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	95	70	75	71	0	0	39	61	0
Peanuts	Harvested	3	89	99	94	0	1	11	81	7
Pecans	Harvested	78	1	14	8	13	43	34	9	1
Cattle						1	8	41	40	10
Pasture						8	26	36	27	3

### County Agent Comments

"Rain received during the weekend improved late-season pastures; the badly needed moisture helped cool-season forages germinate and establish itself. Cotton harvest continues ahead of schedule. Yields are very low and many fields will not be scrapped. Sweetpotato harvesting continues on schedule. Fair to good yields are being reported, and demand is good from order buyers."

— Mike Howell, Calhoun County

"Dry weather has given producers excellent harvesting conditions for cotton and soybeans. Soybean yields will be average to slightly above average for the early varieties. Seed size is smaller than normal. Corn harvest is completed."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"We are seeing a big difference in soybean yields across the different maturity groups. Armyworms are causing a lot of problems in our wheat and ryegrass pastures and deer patches."

— Dr. Dennis Reginelli, Noxubee County

"Rains over the weekend will help winter grazing. Some fields were sprayed last week for armyworms. Corn harvest is complete. Soybean harvest is progressing rapidly. Most cotton is harvested."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

"The additional rain that we received this week has helped the planting of ryegrass. Some insect problems have started occurring with winter grazing."

— Mark Mowdy, Amite County

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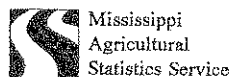
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Weather Summary From October 9, 1995 to October 15, 1995 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	86	45	67	66	+1	0.00	-0.55	0	0.13	84	62	74	0.17
Cleveland	88	45	68			0.00		0	0.37				
Tunica	87	35	63	64	-1	0.00	-0.47	0	0.23	77	65	72	
Extreme/Average	88	35	66	65	+1	0.00	-0.51	0	0.24	84	62	73	0.17
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	84	33	62	62	-0	0.02	-0.70	1	0.38	80	52	69	0.15
Memphis	86	44	68	68	+2	0.00	-0.44	0	0.15				
Oxford	86	35	63	63	-0	0.00	-0.54	0	2.00				
Extreme/Average	86	33	64	63	+1	0.01	-0.56	0	0.84	80	52	69	0.15
3. Northeast													
Booneville	82	39	63	63	+1	0.10	-0.51	1	1.21				
Corinth	84	35	63	64	-1	0.00	-0.64	0	0.06				
Iuka	81	32	60			0.51		1	2.32				
Pontotoc	83	39	64	64	+0	0.35	-0.35	1	1.64	81	58	71	0.16
Tupelo	84	39	65	64	+2	0.16	-0.64	1	1.52				
Verona	83	37	63			0.17		1	2.90	79	56	68	0.13
Extreme/Average	84	32	63	64	-0	0.22	-0.47	1	1.61	81	56	70	0.14
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	87	37	65	68	-3	0.06	-0.76	1	0.93	89	68	77	
Greenwood	88	39	69	66	+2	0.05	-0.76	1	0.94				
Rolling Fork	87	40	67			0.00	-0.73	0	1.59	91	67	80	0.14
Stoneville	89	43	65	66	-1	0.00	-0.73	0	0.94	81	59	72	0.21
Yazoo City	87	42	68	68	+1	0.14	-0.71	2	2.61				
Extreme/Average	89	37	67	67	-0	0.05	-0.74	1	1.40	91	59	76	0.18
5. Central													
Carthage	82	38	64	65	-1	0.95	+0.30	2	6.45				
Jackson	83	42	67	66	+0	2.06	+1.45	1	7.09				
Winona	83	36	62	63	-1	0.32	-0.43	1	2.83				
Extreme/Average	83	36	64	65	-0	1.11	+0.44	1	5.46				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	83	48	69			0.30	-0.51	1	6.22	78	62	71	
Columbus	85	41	66			0.70		1	5.86				
State University	83	43	64	65	-2	0.52	+0.02	1	3.11	74	60	68	
Extreme/Average	85	41	66	65	+1	0.51	-0.15	1	5.06	78	60	69	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	85	49	70			0.00		0	6.18	79	58	73	
Natchez	82	44	68	70	-2	0.00	-0.92	0	2.70				
Oakley	83	40	64			0.17	-0.62	1	6.24	80	61	71	
Vicksburg	83	43	66			0.18		1	3.75				
Extreme/Average	85	40	67	70	-3	0.09	-0.77	1	4.72	80	58	72	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	86	46	69	68	+1	0.67	+0.19	1	3.07				
McComb	86	43	69	68	+1	1.32	+0.80	1	4.48				
Extreme/Average	86	43	69	68	+1	1.00	+0.50	1	3.78				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	89	45	68			0.95		1	6.48	85	60	73	
Hattiesburg	85	48	69	68	+1	0.74	+0.28	1	2.52				
Laurel													
Meridian	84	40	66	66	+1	0.95	+0.57	1	7.03				
Newton	84	40	66	66	+0	0.43	-0.02	1	6.46	77	55	67	0.13
Extreme/Average	89	40	67	67	+1	0.77	+0.34	1	5.62	85	55	70	0.13
10. Coastal													
Bay St. Louis	87	47	69			0.08		1	2.78				
Biloxi	88	56	74	71	+3	0.66	+0.18	1	4.96				
Gulfport	86	51	71	71	+0	0.00	-0.57	0	4.06				
Pascagoula	84	49	71	71	-0	0.00	-0.60	0	6.14				
Poplarville	87	49	70	69	+1	0.15	-0.34	2	2.48	87	64	75	0.16
Extreme/Average	88	47	71	71	+1	0.18	-0.36	1	4.08	87	64	75	0.16
State	89	32	66	66	-0	0.39	-0.23	1	3.28	91	52	72	0.15

Abbreviations: DFN = Departure from Normal

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